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THE  
ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
SANITARY INSPECTOR  
and  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for  
the  
WAINFORD RURAL DISTRICT  
for the year  
1950

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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

as to the

Sanitary Conditions of the Wainford Rural District

For the year 1950

To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the  
Wainford Rural District.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1950.

As you are aware, I have been Acting Medical Officer of Health since your previous Medical Officer, Dr. H. C. G. Pedlar, retired on the 21st. September, 1950. My other duties have made it necessary for me to confine my attention to emergencies, and I would like to record my thanks for the help I have received from your other Officers, Mr. Collins, your Sanitary Inspector, in particular having given me much valuable assistance.

Examination of the statistics embodied in this report confirm that Wainford has enjoyed a healthy year. Whilst it is unwise to draw any firm conclusions from such small numbers, it may be noted that the birth rate is above the average for the country, whilst the death rate is just below.

Apart from an outbreak of measles, mostly among the school population, the area was very free from infectious diseases. One case of infantile paralysis occurred from which the patient, a serving sailor, made a full recovery.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area .....	44,871
Registrar General's estimate of population (June 1950) ..	7,058
Number of inhabited houses .....	2,029
Ratable value .....	£17,685
Product of Penny Rate .....	£71 - 0s - 11d.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births.	63	65	128
(Illegitimate Births)	(6)	(3)	(9)
Birth Rate per 1,000 population .....	18.3		
Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) .....	15.8		
Comparability factor .....	1.10		
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stillbirths (Legitimate)	2	-	2
(Illegitimate)	1	-	1
Rate per 1,000 live births .....	23.4		

Rate per 1,000 population .....	.42
Rate per 1,000 population .....	
(England and Wales .....	.37

MATERNAL MORTALITY Nil.

<u>INFANTILE MORTALITY</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Deaths of infants under one year .	2	1	3
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This gives an Infantile Mortality rate of 39.0 per 1,000 live births. (England and Wales.. 29.8 )

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
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	47	29	76
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Death rate per 1,000 estimated population ; 10.8  
 (England and Wales ; 11.6)  
 Comparability factor; 0.83

<u>CAUSES OF DEATHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
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Tuberulosis, Respiratory;	1	1
Syphilitic Disease;	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach;	2	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms;	4	2
Diabetes;	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system;	5	4.
Coroary Disease, angina;	6	3
Other Heart Disease;	14	9
Pneumonia;	1	2
Bronchitis;	4	2
Nephritis;	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate;	1	-
Congenital malformations;	2	1
Accidents (other than motor);	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases;	4	1
	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 29
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year;-

Whooping Cough .....	3
Measles .....	199
Pneumonia .....	2
Scarlet Fever .....	3
Jaundice .....	1
Polimyelitis .....	1

Notification of all infectious disease was satisfactory.



## TUBERCULOSIS

At the beginning of the year there were 24 cases on the register. During 1950 two new cases were notified, one females aged 50 and one males aged 51. One male and one female death occurred, leaving at the end of the year 24 cases on the register.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following information;-

Pre-school children immunised .....	391
Total number of children immunised .....	1,137
% pre-school children immunised .....	60
% all children immunised .....	68.2
"Booster" treatment .....	54

## MILK

The County Public Health staff took samples of milk and of these-  
14 were found to be free from tubercle bacilli and brucella organisms.

1 brucella infection was reported and acting as District Medical Officer, I diverted the milk for heat treatment.

Tubercle bacilli were isolated from one sample, but in spite of investigations by the Veterinary Inspector, no final conclusion was reached.

## HOUSING

Twenty-six houses were completed by the authority during the year.

A total of twenty new permanent houses were in course of erection at the end of the year.

Four new houses were built by private enterprise during the year and a further six had been commenced.

No temporary housing was provided.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not found necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act.

## FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

The following details have been abstracted from the annual report of the Medical Officer submitted to the Minister of Labour and National Service;-

No. of factories with mechanical power .....	4
No. of factories without mechanical power .....	-
No. of inspections made .....	2
No. of defects found .....	Nil.

## FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient servant,  
S.T.G.Gray.  
Acting Medical Officer of Health.



A N N U A L     R E P O R T

of the

SANITARY            INSPECTOR

For the year 1950

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Wainford Council Offices,  
1, Ballygate,  
Beccles.

27th. September 1951.

To the Chairman and Members,  
of the Wainford Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting my fifth Annual Report, this for the year 1950, which deals with the environmental sanitation of your local government unit.

The report generally is purely factual and no spectacular projects came to fruition in the year under review.

May I acknowledge the continued support of the Council to our efforts, not only in the Sanitary Inspector's sphere but in the other responsibilities of my department, relating to the maintenance of Waterworks, Council Estates and Sewage Treatment Works and the Control of New Building.

In carrying out these duties I have to thank Mr. Wood, your Clerk, for his advice and Mr. Armstrong, your additional Sanitary Inspector for his enthusiastic work in fresh fields of municipal enterprise.

I apologise for the lateness of this Annual publication but the majority of the members of the Council are aware no doubt from reports made at various times, of the difficulties under which the department functions and of its other commitments.

Yours faithfully,

W.A.Collins

Senior Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.

HEAD OFFICE STAFF, BECCLES.

Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor, (Whole Time)

W.A.Collins, Cert. S.I.B. and Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Food Certificate. (Appointed April, 1946)

Clerk/Typist (Whole Time)

P.H.Read, (Miss). (Appointed, November 1948)

SUB-OFFICE STAFF HOLTON.

Additional Sanitary Inspector (Whole Time)

I.S.Armstrong. Cert. S.I.B. (Appointed January 1949)



## EXISTING HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Number of condemned houses demolished..... 3  
Number of condemned houses occupied under licence .. 69  
Number of houses inspected in 1944-5 and found not  
repairable at reasonable expense .....386

## HOUSING ACT, 1936, PROCEDURE.

Number of notices served for repairs under Section 9 .. nil.  
Number of demolition orders made under Section 11 .... nil.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. PROCEDURE.

Number of complaints ..... 6  
Number of informal notices served ..... 5  
Number of informal notices complied with ..... 4  
Number of statutory notices served ..... nil.  
Number of statutory notices complied with ..... nil.  
Houses repaired under P.H.Act ..... 19.

## PROVISION OF NEW HOUSES BY THE COUNCIL

Number of houses built prior to 1939 ..... 84  
Number of houses built in 1944 ..... 14  
Number of houses built in 1948 ..... 80  
Number of houses built in 1949 ..... 27  
Number of houses built in 1950 ..... 26

## WATER SUPPLY.

QUANTITY The Council continued the emergency cartage of water by contractors throughout the whole year owing to increased demand from rate payers for a safe water supply free from undesirable physical characteristics such as rust and taste.

QUALITY Twenty-four water samples were submitted to the bacteriologist, eleven of which were reported as being unsatisfactory, a greater percentage being from shallow wells with one sample from a bore supply. The remaining thirteen samples were found to be satisfactory.

The analyses were carried out by the Public Health Laboratories at Ipswich and Norwich.

## PIPED SUPPLY

Nine new domestic consumers and two farms were connected to the water mains in various parts of the district.

## DETAILS OF THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC WATER WORKS SUPPLYING PIPED WATER.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Pumping Capacity</u> <u>(Gallons per Hour)</u>	<u>Elevated</u> <u>Storage.</u>	<u>Miles of</u> <u>Main.</u>	<u>Diameter</u> <u>of main.</u>
x All Saints.	300	2,000	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 inch.
x St. Lawrence.	175	2,000	1	2 inch.
x Rumburgh.	300	4,800	2	2 inch.
z Holton.	6,000	60,000	1	4 inch.

x Motive power - Wind with auxiliary engine.

z Motive power - Electric submersed centrifugal pump.



POPULATION AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS WITH AN AVAILABLE  
SUPPLY OF PUBLIC MAINS WATER

Source and Parish.	Direct Supply		Standpipe Supply	
	No. Houses.	Population	No. Houses	Populat.
<u>Council Works.</u>				
All Saints.	4	12	26	78
Holton.	87	260	7	21
Rumburgh.	18	48	59	177
St. Lawrence.	16	42	29	87
<u>Private Works.</u>				
Worlingham Park.	72	210	-	-
Ellough.	31	90	132	396
Flixton.	22	66	-	-
(Populations estimate only)				

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The Council continued the service with three different contractors. A weekly back door collection being in operation in the built up parts of three parishes and a fortnightly front gate collection in the remainder of the district.

Disposal at two refuse tips leased by the Council, is carried out on controlled tipping principles.

At one tip difficulties have been experienced with indiscriminate tipping by unauthorised persons.

The Council are negotiating for the purchase of two additional sites for refuse disposal at strategic points in the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No new sewers were laid during the year.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of retail distributors with premises in the district... 30.  
 Number of retail distributors with premises outside the district, 4.  
 Number of supplementary licences issued to sell:-  
     Pasteurised milk,..... 2  
     Tuberculin tested milk ..... 2

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The Council have adopted Byelaws controlling the activities of the food handler.

Number of retail food shops in the District ..... 27  
 Number of premises registered for the preparation and sale  
     of meat products..... 1  
 Number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream..... 1  
 Number of shops other than food stores..... 5

The occasional slaughter of pigs takes place at the registered slaughter house of a public institution.

No disease has been detected during the year.

